

SUPBALL 2019

COMPETITION RULES

SUPBALL's rules and regulations are maintained and updated annually by Aquatic Adventure Group Pty.

SUPBALL Referees are given delegated authority to enforce the rules and regulations of SUPBALL during Training, Competition Games, Casual Games and Lessons.

Any clarifications can be requested in writing by emailing info@supball.com.au.



NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Official SUPBALL Competition Games are played by two teams of 5 to a side
- SUPBALL recommends teams have at least one substitute player for each game

MATCH FORMAT

- Matches consist of two 15-minute halves with a 5-minute break
- Teams swap direction of play at half time
- For the Game to begin the Referee must place the SUPBALL Ball on the centre tee & direct all players to be behind their own Goal Buoy line
- The Referee will then give okay for the signal horn to be sounded
- Half Time and Full Time are also sounded by the signal horn
- Recommencement of the Game after Half Time will see the same set up as in the beginning of the Game

METHOD OF SCORING

- A goal is scored when the game ball comes into contact with a Goal Buoy
- Own goals are counted as a goal for the opposing team
- Once a goal is scored two quick whistles will be sounded by the referee
- At the end of the game, the team with the most goals is the winner
- Official SUPBALL Competition Leaderboard Scoring is as follows:
 - Win – 2 Points to winning team
 - Tie – 1 Point to both teams
 - Loss – 0 Points to losing team
- Goals scored are also taken into account throughout the season in the event of a tie at the top of the leaderboard
- In the event of a tie during playoff, semi-final and grand final games, overtime is played in increments of 5 minutes until a winner is decided
- In the event of a forfeit the forfeiting team will receive 0 points and 0 goals. The opposing team will receive 2 points. The average of their goals scored throughout the season will be added to their total goal total.

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LAWS OF THE GAME

- Once a player is in possession of the ball they must stop paddling
- No player can purposefully interfere with unoccupied equipment in order to disadvantage another player. Purposeful interferences include, but are not limited to:
 - Picking up an unoccupied paddle and throwing it out of reach of another player,
 - Moving a board out of reach of another player that is in the water attempting to reach a board
- The defending player (player who has been tackled) has board advantage in any board challenge situation. Final decision on ANY board challenge will be made by the Referee and cannot be contested
- You may tackle players off their boards, but no paddle-to-player contact is allowed
- No player is allowed to hug the goal with their body at any time. Players are permitted to block the goal with their paddle or board. You are permitted to hold the buoy between your paddle and board in order to remain at the goal.

TACTICS/ STRATEGY

- You may play the ball with your hands or your paddle
- Boarding another player's board is permitted during contact games. You may do this in order to knock another player off their board, steal the ball, block a goal etc.
- If unmarked, a short pass ahead of yourself is a good way move up the field with the ball legally
- Leaving a defensive player protecting your goal is not only good for defence, if your team scores a goal this player can immediately put themselves onside and rush forward to attack while the rest of their team is retreating to get onside

OFFSIDE/OUT OF PLAY

- Once a goal has been scored the entire attacking team is offside. Each player must paddle beyond their home buoy line in order to be considered back on side
- If substituting for a player who is offside you are considered offside and must complete the paddle beyond your home buoy line to be considered back on side
- Only boards in play can be used for substitutions
- A player who doesn't have 50% or more of their body on a board is deemed to be out of play until they get back on a board. Without being on a board they cannot interfere with the ball or with other players
- A player who is not in possession of a paddle may not travel around the SUPBALL Court until they retrieve their paddle. If you are not in possession of your paddle you ARE still considered in play and MAY pass the ball, score and tackle.
- In order to travel around the SUPBALL Court whilst unchallenged you must stand
- Goals can only be scored by players in a standing position
- A player in a kneeling, seated or lying position outside a ball challenge or tackle is out of play and cannot interfere with the ball or with other players - see 'Kneeling in SUPBALL' for further clarification
- A player who is undertaking a penalty paddle is out of play until the penalty paddle is completed and cannot interfere with the ball or with other players - see 'Fouls and Misconduct' for a list of offences

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KNEELING IN SUPBALL

Due to the nature of SUPBALL there are instances in which kneeling is acceptable. You must stand to score a goal and SUPBALL Referees will encourage standing when appropriate. As a contact sport a tackles and ball challenges will occur. In such instances it is sometimes necessary to kneel in order to maintain safe and competitive play. Referees will use their discretion as to what is considered acceptable kneeling. In all SUPBALL Competition Games the following restrictions on kneeling during play do apply:

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be tackled	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paddling when unchallenged• Scoring• Defending the Goal when unchallenged

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

At the start of each game the referee will point to a marker location. This marker location will be the penalty paddle point. A penalty offence will be sounded with a single long whistle from the referee and the offending player will be signaled. That player must immediately cease play and paddle around the penalty marker. If the player does not immediately comply with the penalty they will be sent off and cannot be substituted for the remainder of the game.

PENALTY PADDLES

A Penalty Paddle may be awarded for any of the following offences:

- Serious foul play
- Tackling above the shoulder
- Repeated offences
- Unsporting behaviour
- Playing in a dangerous manner
- Contradicting the Referee's decision
- Violent conduct including:
 - Striking another player with a paddle
 - Holding another player under water
 - Intentionally paddling into or over another player whilst that player is in the water

PENALTY GOALS

Where it is deemed by the referee that a goal would certainly have been scored were it not for a foul or misconduct of a defending player a penalty goal can be awarded.

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SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

There are different rules for substituting in Competition Rounds, Semi-Finals and Grand Finals

COMPETITION ROUNDS

- If a team is not able to field 5 players for an Official SUPBALL Competition Game they may provide substitutes
The PROCESS for registering substitutes for Competition Games is as follows:
 - 1) Substitution requests need to be submitted to SUPBALL HQ by the following times:
 - Monday 4:00pm for Monday PM Comp
 - Wednesday 4:00pm for Wednesday PM Comp
 - Friday 4:00pm for Saturday AM Comp
 - Sunday 3:00pm for Sunday PM Comp
 - 2) SUPBALL Elves will then inform the opposing team of the substitutions
 - 3) The opposing team then has the option to deny the substitution request. This option will be overridden if SUPBALL Management believes the request has been unfairly denied
- Teams may NOT substitute beyond the 5 players required to field a side

SEMI-FINALS AND GRAND FINALS

Substitutions are NOT permitted in Semi-Finals or Grand Finals. In order to play for a team in a Semi or Grand Final round EACH player needs to meet the following criteria:

- Have represented that team on 3 occasions during the competition
- To be a REGISTERED member of that team

GET IN TOUCH

- If you require any clarification on any of the Competition Rules we encourage you to chat to a member of Team SUPBALL



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Chat to the team at any of our Training or Comp Games



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